House Judiciary Committee Informational Briefing
Child Custody & Child Support Testimony of [redacted]

Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to speak today.

My name is [redacted] and I am here as a Kansas mother to explain how gaps in oversight within our family court system allowed decisions affecting my child to be shaped through a process I could neither afford nor meaningfully participate in — and later discovered may not have been neutral.

For more than twelve years, I was my child's primary custodial parent. My child lived in a stable home, attended school consistently, and maintained long-standing relationships under court-approved parenting orders. There were no emergency safety findings requiring removal.

What changed was not my parenting. What changed was the process.

My case was ordered into domestic conciliation — a process parents are told relies on a neutral third party to assist the court in resolving custody disputes. At the time, conciliation services were already in place through court services.

However, approximately 85 days after opposing counsel entered his appearance, a motion was filed requesting that the existing conciliator be replaced. That motion specifically asked the Court to appoint William F. Ebert as the new domestic conciliator.

What I later discovered through public court records was deeply concerning. Prior to that request — and continuing during the conciliation appointment — Mr. Ebert was serving as personal legal counsel for opposing attorney Brian Frost in a separate Shawnee County domestic matter.

In other words, the attorney representing the opposing party in my custody case requested the Court appoint his own acting personal attorney to serve as the neutral conciliator overseeing decisions affecting my child.

This professional relationship was never disclosed to me before the appointment occurred. I did not knowingly waive that conflict. I could not give informed consent. And I had no reason to investigate the neutrality of someone presented to the Court as independent.

At the same time, I was receiving state assistance. I repeatedly informed court-appointed professionals that I could not afford privately billed conciliation services. Despite this, the privately paid process moved forward.

Because I could not pay ongoing fees, I was effectively unable to meaningfully participate for several years in proceedings generating recommendations relied upon by the Court. Reports continued. Recommendations continued. Court reliance continued. But my participation did not.

My financial status became a barrier to being heard in decisions determining my child's stability.

After filing my motion, I continued reviewing publicly available cases and discovered multiple unrelated custody matters reflecting similar professional overlap patterns involving the same conciliator. This raised concerns that what occurred in my case may not have been an isolated incident.

The concern is amplified by the fact that the conciliator involved has held leadership roles influencing family law standards and professional guidance within the Kansas legal community.

This leads to a simple policy question for this committee:

If a litigant's attorney can request appointment of his own professional associate or attorney as a court-appointed neutral — and parents lacking financial resources cannot meaningfully participate in that process — what safeguards currently exist to protect public confidence in custody decisions?

Family court decisions determine where children live, who they see, and how families function for years to come. Yet neutrality screening, conflict disclosure, and indigent participation protections remain inconsistent.

I am not asking this committee to decide my custody case. I am asking whether

Kansas families should have stronger statutory protections ensuring that court-appointed neutrals are demonstrably independent and accessible to all parents — regardless of income or representation.

Because children should never experience instability created by procedural gaps rather than demonstrated parental harm.

For twelve years, my child's stability was never questioned. What changed was access — access to participation, access to neutrality, and access to justice.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to Kansas families.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS
DIVISION TEN

In the Matter of the Marriage:	)	
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In the matter of [redacted]	)	
A minor child by his next friend and	)	
Mother [redacted]	)	
Petitioner	)	
vs.	)	Case No. 2013-DM-001508
	)	
[redacted]	)	
Respondent		

EMERGENCY MOTION TO DISQUALIFY COURT-APPOINTED DOMESTIC CONCILIATOR, TO SET ASIDE CONCILIATOR REPORTS AND FEES, AND FOR APPOINTMENT OF A NEUTRAL CONCILIATOR WITH INDIGENT ACCESS

COMES NOW the Petitioner, [redacted] appearing pro se, and respectfully moves this Court for emergency relief based upon newly discovered information obtained through public access court records that materially affects the neutrality, integrity, and continued validity of the court-ordered conciliation process in this matter. In support thereof, the Petitioner states as follows:

I. BASIS FOR EMERGENCY CONSIDERATION

1. This Motion is filed on an emergency basis because the facts giving rise to the requested relief were not previously known to the Petitioner and could not reasonably have been known and were only recently discovered through review of publicly available court records.
2. The newly discovered information concerns an ongoing attorney-client relationship between the Court-appointed Domestic Conciliator and the Respondent's counsel that existed prior to, during, and after the conciliation appointment, and which triggers

mandatory disclosure and withdrawal under Kansas law and the Kansas Supreme Court Rules governing ADR.

3. The Conciliator's reports and fee enforcement actions continue to affect the Petitioner's rights. Petitioner has not been allowed to meaningfully participate in conciliation since 2023, making immediate Court intervention necessary to prevent further prejudice and to preserve the integrity of the Court's process.

II. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND AND UNDISCLOSED CONFLICT OF INTEREST

1. This matter is a long-standing IV-D case, implicating state interests and statutory ability-to-pay protections.
2. On March 3, 2022, William F. Ebert entered his appearance as legal counsel for Brian S. Frost in Case No. 2017-DM-002424, a domestic matter pending in Shawnee County District Court. (See Exhibit A at pp. 12–19.)
3. Since that time, Mr. Ebert has made multiple court appearances as acting counsel for Brian Frost in that matter, including appearances in Judge Lori Dougherty-Bichsel's courtroom.
4. On May 9, 2022, Brian S. Frost entered his appearance as counsel for the Respondent, Michael S. White, Jr., in this case.
5. On May 10, 2022, the Respondent, through counsel Brian S. Frost, filed a Motion for Conciliation requesting that conciliation proceed through William F. Ebert. (See Exhibit B, p.2.)
6. That same Motion reflects that the Respondent sought replacement of the prior conciliator due to a perceived conflict of interest. (See Exhibit B, p. 2.)
7. On May 27, 2022, this Court entered an Agreed Order of Conciliation, appointing William F. Ebert as Domestic Conciliator.
8. At no time before or after his appointment did Mr. Ebert disclose to the Petitioner or to the Court that he was actively and contemporaneously representing the Respondent's counsel as a private client, or that this attorney-client relationship pre-dated the Motion for Conciliation and continued throughout the conciliation appointment.

9. Petitioner did not knowingly waive this conflict and could not provide informed consent at the time the Agreed Order of Conciliation was entered.
10. Petitioner states in good faith that she does not believe this Court would have appointed Mr. Ebert as conciliator had this information been disclosed.

III. VIOLATION OF K.S.A. 5-509 AND KANSAS ADR RULES

1. Under K.S.A. 5-509(a), a court may order alternative dispute resolution only upon a finding that the costs of the dispute resolution process are justified relative to the parties' ability to pay.
2. This matter previously proceeded through conciliation with court services and was formally designated as an IV-D case. (See Exhibit C.)
3. Petitioner has repeatedly advised court-appointed professionals over the past four years that she is on state assistance and lacks the financial ability to pay private conciliation fees.
4. Despite this known indigence, conciliation continued without conversion to a county rate, sliding-scale accommodation, or referral to an indigent-accessible provider, and without disclosure to the Court that Petitioner could not meaningfully participate.
5. The Kansas Supreme Court Rules governing ADR impose mandatory duties on approved neutrals, including disclosure of conflicts and withdrawal when neutrality is compromised.
6. The undisclosed, ongoing attorney-client relationship between the conciliator and Respondent's counsel constitutes a conflict of interest requiring mandatory withdrawal.
7. The conciliator further had a duty to report to the Court when one party was unable to participate due to indigence. That duty was not fulfilled.

IV. EFFECT ON COURT RELIANCE AND VALIDITY OF REPORTS

1. Conciliator reports and recommendations were issued during a period of undisclosed conflict and non-participation.

2. The Court relied upon these reports in subsequent proceedings affecting custody, parenting time, and enforcement.
3. Where material conflicts and participation barriers are withheld from the Court, judicial reliance on the resulting reports is compromised and subject to being set aside.

V. LIMITED STATEMENT REGARDING PATTERN DISCOVERY

1. In the course of reviewing public access court records related to this discovery, Petitioner identified several additional cases reflecting the same undisclosed conflict pattern.
2. This information is raised solely for the Court's awareness in evaluating the integrity of the process.

VI. LEGAL BASIS

1. Domestic Conciliators function as neutral, quasi-judicial officers whose role is to assist the Court by providing impartial assessments and recommendations in highly sensitive family law matters and must maintain strict neutrality in both fact and appearance. *See In re Marriage of Rayman, 273 Kan. 996, 1005, 47 P.3d 413 (2002) (custody determinations require procedures that are fundamentally fair and protect parental rights).*
2. Kansas Courts have long recognized that custody determinations must be made through fundamentally fair procedures and that the appearance of neutrality is as essential as neutrality itself, emphasizing that proceedings affecting custody and parenting time must be free from bias and from circumstances that would cause a reasonable person to question the fairness of the process. *See State v. Sawyer, 297 Kan. 902, 907, 305 P.3d 608 (2013) (appearance of impropriety alone may warrant disqualification to preserve confidence in judicial proceedings).*
3. The appearance of neutrality is particularly critical where a court relies on reports or recommendations from appointed professionals in making custody determinations. *See In re Marriage of Ross, 245 Kan. 591, 595–96, 783 P.2d 331 (1989) (due process requires that custody decisions be based on reliable, unbiased information).*

4. A court-appointed neutral must avoid not only actual bias, but also circumstances that would cause a reasonable person to question the neutral's impartiality.
5. Failure to disclose a professional relationship that could reasonably bear on neutrality undermines confidence in the Alternative Dispute Resolution process.
6. Where a neutral fails to disclose a professional relationship that could reasonably call impartiality into question, disqualification is appropriate even absent proof of actual bias. *See State v. Logan, 236 Kan. 79, 83, 689 P.2d 778 (1984).*
7. Kansas Courts recognize that even the appearance of divided loyalty or professional alignment is sufficient to undermine confidence in a quasi-judicial process and that judicial and quasi-judicial officers must be disqualified when circumstances create a reasonable question as to impartiality. *See State v. Sawyer, 297 Kan. 902, 909–10 (2013) (appearance of bias undermines confidence in the process).*
8. Kansas Appellate Courts further recognize that undisclosed conflicts taint proceedings and warrant corrective relief to protect due process. *See In re Marriage of Strieby, 45 Kan. App. 2d 953, 962 (2011).*
9. Under K.S.A. 5-509(a), a Court may order alternative dispute resolution only after finding that alternatives to litigation may provide a more appropriate means to resolve the issues in a case and that that the costs of the dispute resolution process are justified relative to the parties' ability to pay such costs.
10. Courts possess inherent authority to strike tainted evidence and set aside orders entered in reliance upon compromised processes. *See State v. Gonzalez, 290 Kan. 747, 758 (2010).*

VII. GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION

1. The Domestic Conciliator's failure to disclose contemporaneous or recent representation of opposing counsel in his own family law litigation within the same judicial district creates, at minimum, an appearance of impropriety.
2. Even if no actual bias exists, the undisclosed relationship gives rise to a reasonable question as to whether the conciliator's assessments and recommendations were influenced—consciously or unconsciously—by professional alignment.

3. Disclosure of potential conflicts is essential to allow parties to raise timely objections and preserve confidence in the process. Failure to disclose the professional relationship deprived the Petitioner of the opportunity to object and undermines the fairness of the proceedings.
4. This conflict was only recently discovered through an independent review of publicly available court records. The Petitioner did not waive this conflict and could not have provided informed consent at the time the Agreed Order for Conciliation was entered. Had the Petitioner been aware of the professional relationship at issue, she would have objected to the appointment and sought a neutral conciliator.
5. Custody proceedings depend heavily on the Court's confidence in the neutrality and reliability of its appointed professionals.
6. Continued reliance on a conciliator whose impartiality is reasonably in question risks further prejudice and erodes public confidence in the judicial process.

VIII. RELIEF REQUESTED

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court:

a. Immediately disqualify William F. Ebert as the Domestic Conciliator in this matter;
b. Set aside and strike all conciliator reports, recommendations, and related materials issued during the period of undisclosed conflict of interest;
c. Waive all conciliation fees assessed during this period and stay any fee enforcement;
d. Appoint a new, neutral conciliator who is not actively or recently representing opposing counsel;
e. OR, in the alternative, convert conciliation fees in this matter to the county rate due to Petitioner's indigence;
f. Reserve the issue of sanctions pending further Court review; and
g. Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

IX. GOOD-FAITH CERTIFICATION

Petitioner certifies this Motion is filed in good faith based upon newly discovered public records.

Respectfully submitted on this 30th day of January, 2026,

[redacted]

Petitioner, pro se

[redacted]

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that on January 30th, 2026, a true and accurate copy of the above and foregoing was filed in-person through the Kansas E-Flex Filing System and by electronic means pursuant to K.S.A. 60-205(b)(2)(F), providing notification to:

Brian S. Frost, Attorney for Respondent
William F. Ebert III, Domestic Conciliator

[redacted]

Petitioner, pro se

Case Search Portal

Case: 2017-DM-002424

[redacted] **Petitioner vs.** [redacted] **Respondent**

Case Summary

Case Number	2017-DM-002424	Filed Date	11/08/2017
County	Shawnee County	Judicial Officer	Dougherty-Bichsel , Lori — (06/01/2020)
Case Type	DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Status	Disposed 09/28/2018

Case Details

Cross References

Cross Reference #	Cross Reference Type
SN-2017-DM-002424	FC Case Number with County ID

Case History

2017-DM-002424 [Current]

County	Shawnee County	Judge	Dougherty-Bichsel , Lori
Transferred In	06/01/2020		

2017-DM-002424

County	Shawnee County	Judge	Luedke , Thomas G
Transferred In	05/31/2018	Transferred Out	06/01/2020

2017-DM-002424

County	Shawnee County	Judge	Mattivi , Mary E
Transferred In	11/09/2017	Transferred Out	05/31/2018

Parties

[redacted] YOB: 1991

Respondent

Focus Workforce Management

Other Party

Brian Frost

Petitioner's Exhibit A

Other Party

[redacted]
Other Party

Milfred Dale
Other Party
ALIAS Bud Dale

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Petitioner

YOB: 1993

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Events

11/08/2017	**Issued** Comment: Summons: Issued on 11/09/2017; to [redacted]on 11/09/2017; Assigned to Sheriff. Service fee of $0.00.
11/08/2017	**Attorney of Record** Comment: Plaintiff: [redacted]
11/08/2017	**Attorney of Record** Comment: Plaintiff: [redacted]
11/08/2017	**PLE: Petition** Comment: Petition for Divorce PLE: Petition
11/08/2017	**AFF: Affidavit (Generic)** Comment: Domestic Relaitons Affidavit AFF: Affidavit (Generic)
11/08/2017	**MOT: Motion (Generic)** Comment: Ex Parte Motion for Temporary Orders MOT: Motion (Generic)
11/08/2017	**INF: Information (Generic)** Comment: Praecipe for Summons INF: Information (Generic)
11/08/2017	**INF: Child Support Worksheet - No Judge Signature Requested** Comment: Proposed Child Support Worksheet INF: Child Support Worksheet - No Judge

	Signature Requested
11/08/2017	**INF: Parenting Plan** Comment: Proposed Parenting Plan INF: Parenting Plan
11/08/2017	**PLE: Summons** Comment: Summons PLE: Summons
11/09/2017	**Hearing Scheduled** Comment: Hearing Scheduled (Status Docket 02/06/2018 09:00 AM)
11/09/2017	**ORD: Ex Parte** Comment: Ex Parte Temporary Orders - MKM ORD: Ex Parte
11/15/2017	**KPC** Comment: Received KPC Info Sheet
11/21/2017	**INF: Information (Generic)** Comment: Request For Service of Income Withholding Order INF: Information (Generic)
11/22/2017	**AFF: Affidavit (Generic)** Comment: Leah Still's Amended Domestic Relations Affidavit AFF: Affidavit (Generic)
11/27/2017	**Return Of Service** Comment: Summons Returned Personal Service as to Mark Still 11/21/17
11/28/2017	**ORD: Income Withholding Judge Signed** Comment: Income Withholding For Support- MKM ORD: Income Withholding Judge Signed
11/29/2017	**NOT: Notice - No Sheriff Service Required** Comment: Notice of Hearing NOT: Notice - No Sheriff Service Required
12/04/2017	**Attorney of Record** Comment: Defendant: Still, Mark A Attorney of Record A Victoria Chundak
12/04/2017	**INF: Entry of Appearance** Comment: Entry of Appeareance filed by A Victoria Chundak for Mark A Still INF: Entry of Appearance
12/05/2017	**PLE: Response - Answer** Comment: Response to Petion for Divorce PLE: Response - Answer
12/05/2017	**AFF: Affidavit (Generic)** Comment: Domestic Relations Affidavit of Respondent AFF: Affidavit (Generic)
12/05/2017	**INF: Parenting Plan** Comment: Proposed Temporary Parenting Plan INF: Parenting Plan
12/05/2017	**PLE: Response - Answer**

Comment: Response to Motion for Temporary Orders PLE: Response - Answer

12/12/2017 **Hearing Scheduled**
Comment: Hearing Scheduled (Temporary Orders 12/21/2017 11:30 AM)

12/14/2017 **Return Of Service**
Comment: IWO Returned First Class Mail Service as to Mainline Printing 12/13/17

12/21/2017 **Hearing Held**
Comment: Hearing result for Temporary Orders held on 12/21/2017 11:30 AM: Hearing Held, Petitioner in person with A. Gilmore. Respondent in person with V. Chundak. Digital 1. Parties have come to agreement as stated in the record. Alex Gilmore will submit JE. JEG

12/21/2017 **ORD: Order (Generic)**
Comment: Journal Entry and Modified Temporary Orders - JEG ORD: Order (Generic)

12/21/2017 **Minutes**
Comment: Judges Minutes

01/05/2018 **NOT: Notice - No Sheriff Service Required**
Comment: Notice of Intent to Issue Business Records Subpoena as to Mainline Printing Inc NOT: Notice - No Sheriff Service Required

01/18/2018 **Hearing Scheduled**
Comment: Hearing Scheduled (Temporary Orders 02/02/2018 10:30 AM)

01/19/2018 **INF: Information (Generic)**
Comment: Praecipe for Business Records Subpoena of Mainline Printing Inc INF: Information (Generic)

01/19/2018 **ORD: Subpoena - Clerk Signed Criminal**
Comment: Business Records Subpoena of Mainline Printing Inc ORD: Subpoena - Clerk Signed

01/31/2018 **MOT: Motion (Generic)**
Comment: Motion to Continue filed by Alex Gilmore for Leah Still MOT: Motion (Generic)

02/01/2018 **Hearing Rescheduled**
Comment: Hearing Rescheduled (Temporary Orders 02/09/2018 11:00 AM)

02/01/2018 **Affidavit**
Comment: Affidavit of Custodian of Business

02/02/2018 **RET: Return of Service**
Comment: Return of Service RET: Return of Service

02/05/2018 **Hearing Rescheduled**
Comment: Hearing Rescheduled (Status Docket 03/13/2018 09:00 AM)

02/05/2018 **NOT: Notice - No Sheriff Service Required**
Comment: Notice of Hearing NOT: Notice - No Sheriff Service Required

02/08/2018	**MOT: Motion (Generic)** Comment: Motion for/to Modify Temporary Orders filed by A Victoria Chundak for Mark Still MOT: Motion (Generic)
02/09/2018	**Hearing Held** Comment: Hearing result for Temporary Orders held on 02/09/2018 11:00 AM: Hearing Held. Next hearing 3/13/18 at 9:00 parties ordered to conciliation. Child support stays as ordered, Respondent was dismissed for cause. Bills assigned to REsp: Complete up with in 30 days. Other: exchanges between Pet and Resp. Mother no contact between the parties. JE to Chundak. MEM 10
02/09/2018	**Minutes** Comment: Judges Minutes
03/01/2018	**MOT: Motion (Generic)** Comment: Motion to Withdraw filed by Alex S Gilmore and M Kristine Lawless for Petitioner MOT: Motion (Generic)
03/07/2018	**Attorney of Record** Comment: Plaintiff: Still, Leah B Attorney of Record Ardith R Smith-Woertz
03/07/2018	**Attorney of Record** Comment: Plaintiff: Still, Leah B Attorney of Record Ardith R Smith-Woertz
03/07/2018	**INF: Entry of Appearance** Comment: Entry of Appearance filed by Ardith R Smith-Woertz for Leah B Still INF: Entry of Appearance
03/13/2018	**Hearing Rescheduled** Comment: Hearing Rescheduled (Pre-trial 05/07/2018 09:00 AM)
03/16/2018	**ORD: Withdraw** Comment: Order to Withdraw - MKM ORD: Withdraw
03/26/2018	**ORD: Order (Generic)** Comment: Order for Conciliation - MKM ORD: Order (Generic)
03/29/2018	**INF: Information (Generic)** Comment: Certificate of Completion for Leah Brianne Frost-Still INF: Information (Generic)
05/03/2018	**INF: Pretrial Questionnaire** Comment: Petitioner's Pretrial Factual Statement INF: Pretrial Questionnaire
05/03/2018	**INF: Information (Generic)** Comment: Respondent's Supplemental Factual Statement INF: Information (Generic)
05/06/2018	**INF: Information (Generic)** Comment: Certificate of Completion for Mark Alan Still INF: Information (Generic)
05/07/2018	**ORD: Order (Generic)** Comment: Journal Entry - MKM ORD: Order (Generic)

05/07/2018	**Hearing Held** Comment: Hearing result for Pre-trial held on 05/07/2018 09:00 AM: Hearing Held. PRETRIAL: PET IP AND WITH SMITH-WOERTZ. RESP IP AND WITH LUTTRELL FOR CHUNDAK. DATE OF MARRIAGE: 12/30/16 SEPERATED 8/2017. AGREEMENTS OR STIPULATIONS REGARDING MAINTENANCE AGREE TO NO MAINTENANCE. DIFFERENCES: 1/ PERSONAL PROPERTY. 2. DEBT. 3 BILLS FROM PREGNANCY AND BIRTH OF MC. 4. REIMBURSMENT MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER FOR HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS. 5. PET'S REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY FEES. 6. CUSTODY, RESIDENCY AND PARENTING TIME. CONCILIATION PARTIES ARE CURRENTLY PARTICIPATED. NEXT SETTING FULL DAY TRIAL 7/16/18 AT 9-4. 5 WITNESSES. PT ORDER SMITH-WOERTZ. JE BY SMITH-WOERTZ. MEM 10
05/07/2018	**Minutes** Comment: Judges Minutes
05/08/2018	**Hearing Scheduled** Comment: Hearing Scheduled (Court Trial 07/16/2018 09:00 AM)
05/23/2018	**NOT: Notice - No Sheriff Service Required** Comment: Notice of Submission of Order Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 170 NOT: Notice - No Sheriff Service Required
05/31/2018	**Judge: Normal Case flow** Comment: Judge: Normal Caseflow (batch process)
06/07/2018	**Hearing Rescheduled** Comment: Hearing Rescheduled (Court Trial 08/21/2018 09:00 AM)
06/13/2018	**NOT: Notice - No Sheriff Service Required** Comment: Notice of Trial NOT: Notice - No Sheriff Service Required
06/15/2018	**ORD: Order (Generic)** Comment: Pretrial Order and Notice of Hearing- TGL ORD: Order (Generic)
08/03/2018	**Order** Comment: Notice of Domestic Services Fee - TGL
08/16/2018	**INF: Information (Generic)** Comment: Petitioner's Trial Factual Statement INF: Information (Generic)
08/16/2018	**INF: Information (Generic)** Comment: Respondent's Trial Factual Statement INF: Information (Generic)
08/21/2018	**Hearing Held** Comment: Hearing result for Court Trial held on 08/21/2018 09:00 AM: Hearing Held. Petitioner appears in person and by Ardith Smith-Woertz. Respondent appears in person and by Victoria Chundak. Danielle Howbert is the Court Reporter. Thereafter, Petitioner presents evidence and rests. Respondent presents evidence and rests. Upon hearing the testimony, examining the evidence, reviewing the conciliators report and considering the arguments of counsel the Court makes the following orders: 1) The Court orders joint custody of the minor child with residential custody to the petitioner; 2) The Court orders both parties to receive a mental health evaluation and receive mental health therapy as recommended. The Court directs these services to be obtained from Valeo Behavioral Health Care, or, after consultation with Court Services another

recommended mental health care provider; 3) Child support for the period up to September 1, 2018 will be $414.00 per month. After September 1, 2018 until December 30, 2018 Child support will be set at $226.00 per month. After December 30, 2018 child support will be set at $149.00 per month based on respondents current income; 4) Respondent is to receive the tax credit for the minor child on his 2018 tax return. For subsequent years the Petitioner will be entitled to claim the minor child on her tax return; 5) Case is set out 60 days to review the supervised parenting activity; 6) Petitioner retains possession of the bed that by a preponderance of the evidence was shown to be a gift from Petitioner s mother and Respondent receives no compensation therefore; Ardith Smith-Woertz will prepare the divorce decree in this case, incorporating the orders of the Court. Each party will pay 50% of the cost of preparing the divorce decree. TGL 6

08/21/2018 **Minutes**
Comment: Judges Minutes

09/10/2018 **NOT: Notice - No Sheriff Service Required**
Comment: Notice of Submission of Order Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 170 NOT: Notice - No Sheriff Service Required

09/24/2018 **ORD: Decree**
Comment: Decree of Divorce - TGL ORD: Decree

09/27/2018 **INF: Information (Generic)**
Comment: Request for Service of Income Withholding Order INF: Information (Generic)

09/28/2018 **Terminated Statistically**
Comment: Civil Case Termination
Termination Date: 8/21/2018
Termination Type: Bench Trial - Judgment Reached

10/02/2018 **Hearing Scheduled**
Comment: Hearing Scheduled (Review Hearing 10/30/2018 09:00 AM)

10/03/2018 **Issued**
Comment: Income Withholding for Support: Issued to Focus Workforce Management on 10/3/2018; Assigned to Sheriff.

10/03/2018 **ORD: Income Withholding Judge Signed**
Comment: Income Withholding for Support - TGL ORD: Income Withholding Judge Signed

10/03/2018 **NOT: Notice - No Sheriff Service Required**
Comment: Notice of Review Hearing NOT: Notice - No Sheriff Service Required

10/09/2018 **RET: Return of Service**
Comment: Return of Service RET: Return of Service

10/30/2018 **Hearing Held**
Comment: Hearing result for Review Hearing held on 10/30/2018 09:00 AM: Hearing Held. Petitioner appears in person and by counsel Ardith Smith-Woertz. Respondent appears in person and by counsel Victoria Chundak. Digital Court Reporter Div 6. After reviewing the file and hearing the arguments of the parties, the Court directs the following:
(1) Parties should strive to be punctual with pick-up and delivery of the minor children and communicate delays when necessary; (2) Any visits cancelled due to the best interests of the child

will be rescheduled at the convenience of the parties; (3) Either Mr. Still or his parents will be allowed to pick up and/or deliver the minor child; (4) Parties should notify one another of scheduled doctor s appointments and consult with another if any medical bill is projected to be in excess of $300; (5) Parties are to continue therapy and inform the Court of the progress; (6) Complete Dale Walters class; (7) Unsupervised parenting will be allowed under current parenting schedule. Parties will confer in an attempt to reach an agreement on a mutually convenient parenting schedule. If they cannot agree, they will identify the issue and set it for a hearing. TGL 6

10/30/2018	**Minutes** Comment: Judges Minutes
11/01/2018	**Hearing Scheduled** Comment: Hearing Scheduled (Motion Hearing 11/15/2018 11:00 AM)
11/06/2018	**INF: Child Support Worksheet - No Judge Signature Requested** Comment: Child Support Worksheet INF: Child Support Worksheet - No Judge Signature Requested
11/14/2018	**Hearing canceled; documents filed** Comment: Hearing result for Motion Hearing held on 11/15/2018 11:00 AM: Hearing canceled; documents filed
12/12/2018	**INF: Information (Generic)** Comment: Request for Service of Income Withholding Order INF: Information (Generic)
12/14/2018	**ORD: Income Withholding Modification/Termination Judge Signe** Comment: Income Withholding for Support- TGL ORD: Income Withholding Modification/ Termination Judge Signed
01/03/2019	**RET: Return of Service** Comment: Return of Service RET: Return of Service
02/28/2019	**INF: Information (Generic)** Comment: Certificate of Completion for Leah B Still INF: Information (Generic)
03/14/2019	**INF: Parenting Plan** Comment: Agreed Permanent Parenting Plan INF: Parenting Plan
03/22/2019	**ORD: Order (Generic)** Comment: Order Adopting Agreed Permanent Parenting Plan- TGL ORD: Order (Generic)
03/27/2019	**INF: Information (Generic)** Comment: Receipt INF: Information (Generic)
04/26/2019	**MOT: Motion (Generic)** Comment: Motion for Case Management filed by Ardith R Smith-Woertz for Leah B Still MOT: Motion (Generic)
05/29/2019	**Hearing Scheduled** Comment: Hearing Scheduled (Motion Docket 06/06/2019 09:00 AM)

05/30/2019	**NOT: Notice - No Sheriff Service Required** Comment: Notice of Hearing NOT: Notice - No Sheriff Service Required
06/04/2019	**Hearing canceled; documents filed** Comment: Hearing result for Motion Docket held on 06/06/2019 09:00 AM: Hearing canceled; documents being filed
06/08/2019	**ORD: Order (Generic)** Comment: Case Management Order- TGL ORD: Order (Generic)
06/12/2019	**INF: Information (Generic)** Comment: Certificate of Service INF: Information (Generic)
06/12/2019	**MOT: Motion (Generic)** Comment: Motion to Withdraw filed by Ardith R Smith-Woertz for Petitioner MOT: Motion (Generic)
06/27/2019	**ORD: Withdraw** Comment: Order to Withdraw- TGL ORD: Withdraw
10/16/2019	**Default Conversion ROA** Comment: Filing: Post Divorce Motion Paid by: Still, Leah B (plaintiff) Receipt number: 0428487 Dated: 10/16/2019 Amount: $62.00 (Cash) For: [NONE]
10/16/2019	**Motion** Comment: Motion to Modify Child Support filed by Leah Frost Pro Se
10/16/2019	**Domestic Relations Affidavit of Petitioner** Comment: Domestic Relations Affidavit of Petitioner
10/16/2019	**Child Support Worksheet of Petitioner** Comment: Child Support Worksheet of Petitioner
10/21/2019	**Hearing Scheduled** Comment: Hearing Scheduled (Motion Docket 11/07/2019 09:30 AM)
10/22/2019	**Notice of Hearing** Comment: Notice of Hearing
11/07/2019	**Hearing Held** Comment: Hearing result for Motion Docket held on 11/07/2019 09:30 AM: Hearing Held. The Petitioner appears in person pro se. The Respondent appears not but through Victoria Galloway. The case manager, Milford Dale, appears in person. Digital Court Reporter Div 6. This matter is before the Court on the Petitioner s motion to modify child support. Respondent will provide accurate pay stubs to the case manager and the parties will review the CSW to determine if they are in agreement and advise the Court. TGL 6
11/07/2019	**Minutes** Comment: Judges Minutes

11/12/2019	**ORD: Order Originated by Judge** Comment: Journal Entry- TGL ORD: Order Originated by Judge
11/21/2019	**Miscellaneous** Comment: Email Correspondence from Leah Frost to Jennifer Light
11/21/2019	**Miscellaneous** Comment: Email Correspondence from Jennifer Light to Leah Frost dated 11/21/19
06/01/2020	**Judge: Administrative Reassign** Comment: Judge: Administrative Reassign (batch process)
07/29/2021	**ORD: Order (Generic)** Comment: Agreed Order Modifying Child Support- LDB ORD: Order (Generic)
07/29/2021	**ORD: Child Support Worksheet - Signed by Judge** Comment: Child Support Worksheet - LDB ORD: Child Support Worksheet - Signed by Judge
07/29/2021	**ORD: Order (Generic)** Comment: Mandatory Supplemental Orders- LDB ORD: Order (Generic)
07/30/2021	**ORD: Income Withholding Modification/Termination Judge Signe** Comment: Income Withholding for Support - LDB ORD: Income Withholding Modification/ Termination Judge Signed
09/07/2021	**Attorney of Record** Comment: Attorney of Record James E Benfer
09/07/2021	**INF: Entry of Appearance** Comment: Entry of Appearance filed by James E Benfer INF: Entry of Appearance
10/22/2021	**Attorney of Record** Comment: Attorney of Record Eric K Johnson
10/22/2021	**INF: Entry of Appearance** Comment: Entry of Appearance and Request for Notice filed by Eric K Johnson INF: Entry of Appearance
11/02/2021	**ORD: Order (Generic)** Comment: Agreed Order Modifying Permanent Parenting Plan Filed on March 14, 2019 - LDB ORD: Order (Generic)
11/03/2021	**MOT: 28-179 - Modify Motion** Comment: Motion to Modify Child Support filed by James E Benfer III MOT: 28-179 - Modify Motion
11/03/2021	**AFF: Affidavit (Generic)** Comment: Mini Domestic Relations Affidavit AFF: Affidavit (Generic)
11/15/2021	**Hearing Scheduled**

Party Search Results

The search returned 200 cases that have been grouped by party name, but could have returned more. Please narrow the search by entering more precise criteria.

Name	Date of Birth
Ebert, William F., III	

Cases (200)

Cases

SN-2024-DM-000363

Jolene R Barr vs. Brandon C Blanco

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Paternity	Shawnee County	Blanco, Brandon C

SN-2023-DM-300197

In the Matter of the Marriage of Dustin Zahn vs. Trina Zahn

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Zahn, Trina

DG-2023-DM-000786

In the Matter of the Marriage of Benjamin Caruso vs. Caitlin Caruso

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Douglas County	Caruso, Caitlin

SN-2023-DM-000781

In the Matter of the Marriage of Todd Armstrong vs. Heather Armstrong

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Armstrong, Heather

2023-DM-000227

In the Matter of the Marriage of Bret Austin Baer vs Stacia Lee Baer

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Baer, Stacia Lee

2023-DM-000223

In the Matter of the Marriage of Molly K Trimble vs Michael T Trimble

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Trimble, Michael T

2023-DM-000162

Brandon Edward James vs. Kyndall Therese Eakes

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Paternity	Shawnee County	Eakes, Kyndall Therese

2023-DM-000081

In the Matter of the Marriage of Joseph Gabriel Pittman vs Emily Jean White

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	White, Emily Jean

2022-DM-000541

Amber R Gist, Petitioner vs. Tyler W Gist, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Gist, Tyler W

2022-MV-000027

Process Server vs. Daryl D Hendrix

Type	Location	Party Name
MV Miscellaneous Other	Shawnee County	Hendrix, Daryl D

2022-DM-000144

LeiLoni Stewart, Petitioner vs. Holden Barton, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Paternity	Shawnee County	Barton, Holden

2021-DM-002014

Lori K Cook, Petitioner vs. Andy B Cook, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Cook, Andy B

2021-DM-001539

Brian R Pinick, Petitioner vs. Jill E Hamilton, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Paternity	Shawnee County	Hamilton, Jill E

2021-DM-000125

Jessica Lyn Kramer, Petitioner vs. Jeffrey James Kramer, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Pottawatomie County	Kramer, Jeffrey James

2021-DM-000291

Ashley Lane Streeter, Petitioner vs. Shawn Edward Streeter, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Streeter, Shawn Edward

2020-DM-001402

Tracy Barngrover, Petitioner vs. William Barngrover, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Barngrover, William

2020-DM-001372

Brett A Flachsbarth, Petitioner vs. Anastasia M Flachsbarth, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Flachsbarth, Anastasia M

2020-DM-000787

Thomas J Pfortmiller, Petitioner vs. Joni M Koch-Pfortmiller, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Koch-Pfortmiller, Joni M

2020-DM-000749

Spencer R Grooms, Petitioner vs. Chelsea L Grooms, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Grooms, Chelsea L

2020-DM-000073

In the Matter of the Marriage of Ronald D Smeltzer vs Pamela S Smeltzer

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Anderson County	Smeltzer, Pamela S

2020-DM-000714

Xiaoli Newell, Petitioner vs. Brian D Newell, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Newell, Brian D

2020-DM-000051

Caralyn Kay Harkins, Petitioner vs. Charles John Harkins, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Pottawatomie County	Harkins, Charles John

2020-DM-000062

Justin Hoss, Petitioner vs. Ashley Hoss, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Hoss, Ashley

2019-DM-002537

Cynthia L Legg, Petitioner vs. John C Legg, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Legg, John C

2019-DM-000088

Antonia Elizabeth Montague, Petitioner vs. Mark Daryl Montague, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Jefferson County	Montague, Mark Daryl

2019-DM-002048

Charlotte A Lane, Petitioner vs. Victor B Lane, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Lane, Victor B

2019-DM-002023

Chad Nagel, Petitioner vs. Andrea Barry, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Barry, Andrea

2019-MV-000167

Process Server vs. Daryl D Hendrix

Type	Location	Party Name
MV Miscellaneous Other	Shawnee County	Hendrix, Daryl D

2019-MV-000158

Process Server vs. Kristin Gero

Type	Location	Party Name
MV Miscellaneous Other	Shawnee County	Gero, Kristin

2019-MV-000159

Process Server vs. Angela D Turner

Type	Location	Party Name
MV Miscellaneous Other	Shawnee County	Turner, Angela D

2019-DM-001719

Heather Endsley, Petitioner vs. Kevin Endsley, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Endsley, Kevin

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2019-DM-001686

John Livingston, Petitioner vs. Amanda Kincaid, et al., Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Paternity	Shawnee County	Kincaid, Amanda

2019-DM-000076

Maria J. Koskinen, Petitioner vs. David P. Koskinen, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Pottawatomie County	Koskinen, David P

2019-DM-000604

Michele R Markham, Petitioner vs. Craig D Markham, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Markham, Craig D

2018-DM-002540

Chad Fleer, Petitioner vs. Monica Craft, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Paternity	Shawnee County	Craft, Monica

2018-DM-002373

Louise M Swartz, Petitioner vs. George L Swartz, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Domestic Other	Shawnee County	Swartz, George L

2018-DM-002119

James D Anderson, Petitioner vs. Jennifer D Anderson, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Anderson, Jennifer D

2018-MV-000328

Process Server vs. Daryl D Hendrix

Type	Location	Party Name
MV Miscellaneous Other	Shawnee County	Hendrix, Daryl D

2018-DM-002057

Vilem J Balusek III, Petitioner vs. Brandy Balusek, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Balusek, Brandy

2018-DM-001972

Katrina Dian O'Hara, Petitioner vs. Jon-Wesley O'Hara, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	O'Hara, Jon-Wesley

2018-DM-001929

Wendy Lee Owens, Petitioner vs. Isreal T Owens Sr, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Owens, Isreal T, Sr

2018-MV-000242

Process Server vs. Kristin Gero

Type	Location	Party Name
MV Miscellaneous Other	Shawnee County	Gero, Kristin

2018-MV-000243

Process Server vs. Angela D Turner

Type	Location	Party Name
MV Miscellaneous Other	Shawnee County	Turner, Angela D

2018-DM-001270

Christopher Sean Gordon, Petitioner vs. Morgan Sumpter, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Paternity	Shawnee County	Sumpter, Morgan

2018-DM-001265

Megan Dunmire, Petitioner vs. Gary Dunmire Jr, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Dunmire, Gary, Jr

2018-DM-001138

Kanica Hill, Petitioner vs. Joseph Mulay Jr, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Mulay, Joseph, Jr

2018-DM-000048

Nikki L Rinkes, Petitioner vs. Justin Drew Rinkes, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Jackson County	Rinkes, Justin Drew

2018-DM-001116

Rose L McCall, Petitioner vs. Larry D McCall, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	McCall, Larry D

2018-DM-001090

Gail M Wroth, Petitioner vs. Andrew L Wroth, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Wroth, Andrew L

2018-DM-001084

Claudio Rubio-Valdes, Petitioner vs. Graciela Salinas-Hernandez, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Salinas-Hernandez, Graciela

2018-DM-000563

Emily A Wittenbach, Petitioner vs. Kenneth M Mays II, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Paternity	Shawnee County	Mays, Kenneth M, II

2018-DM-000204

Cassandra A Thompson, Petitioner vs. Casey L Campbell, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Paternity	Shawnee County	Campbell, Casey L

2017-DM-002189

Paula L Johnson, Petitioner vs. David W Johnson, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Johnson, David W

2017-DM-002163

Donna M Stoldt, Petitioner vs. Eldon D Stoldt, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Stoldt, Eldon D

2017-DM-000200

Corey Cook, et al., Petitioner vs. Nicole Potter-Staples, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Paternity	Osage County	Potter-Staples, Nicole

2017-DM-001890

Stacy Stromgren, Petitioner vs. Spencer Stromgren, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Stromgren, Spencer

2017-DM-000031

St of Ks, et rel SRS, Petitioner vs. Lee Andrew Michell-Pennington, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Non Divorce - Visitation, Custody, Support	Wabaunsee County	Michell-Pennington, Lee Andrew

2017-MV-000206

Process Server vs. Kristin Gero

Type	Location	Party Name
MV Miscellaneous Other	Shawnee County	Gero, Kristin

2017-MV-000207

Process Server vs. Angela D Turner

Type	Location	Party Name
MV Miscellaneous Other	Shawnee County	Turner, Angela D

2017-MV-000200

Process Server vs. Daryl D Hendrix

Type	Location	Party Name
MV Miscellaneous Other	Shawnee County	Hendrix, Daryl D

2017-DM-001636

Charles F A Anderson, et al., Petitioner vs. Amanda Taylor, et al., Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Non Divorce - Visitation, Custody, Support	Shawnee County	Taylor, Amanda

2017-DM-000132

Frank Belmore Crawley, V vs. Tesha Leigh Whatley (In the Matter of J.J.C.)

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Paternity	Dickinson County	Whatley, Tesha Leigh

2017-DM-000744

James H Oliva, Petitioner vs. Lois Larene Oliva, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Oliva, Lois Larene

2017-DM-000013

Harold Marvin Eldridge, Petitioner vs. Ada May Eldridge, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Jackson County	Eldridge, Ada May

2017-DM-000495

Leah Thompson, Petitioner vs. Bradley Thompson, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Thompson, Bradley

2017-DM-000013

James W Chappell, Petitioner vs. Stacy M Petri, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Paternity	Shawnee County	Petri, Stacy M

2016-DM-000082

Craig M Wohler, Petitioner vs. Tisha Prather, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Jackson County	Prather, Tisha

2016-MV-000191

Process Server vs. Daryl D Hendrix

Type	Location	Party Name
MV Miscellaneous Other	Shawnee County	Hendrix, Daryl D

2016-DM-001851

Amber R Taylor, Petitioner vs. Richard L Taylor, Respondent

Type	Location	Party Name
DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce	Shawnee County	Taylor, Richard L

2016-MV-000157

Process Server vs. Kristin Gero

Type	Location	Party Name
MV Miscellaneous Other	Shawnee County	Gero, Kristin

2016-MV-000158

Process Server vs. Angela D Turner

Type	Location	Party Name
MV Miscellaneous Other	Shawnee County	Turner, Angela D

2016-DM-001697